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2007 CROP VALUES DECREASE 5 PERCENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The total value of principal crops grown in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during 2007 was \$517,414,000, down 5 percent (\$26,236,000) from 2006, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office reported today. This total value ranked South Carolina 35th among all states. California was first with \$20.9 billion while our neighboring states of Georgia and North Carolina were at \$2.08 billion and \$2.15 billion, respectively.

In South Carolina, 2007 Field and Miscellaneous Crop values at \$470,287,000 were up 3 percent from the 2006 value of \$455,256,000; 2007 Commercial Vegetable Crop values at \$30,684,000 were down 37 percent from the 2006 value of \$48,724,000, while the value of Fruits and Nuts in 2007 decreased 59 percent to \$16,443,000 from \$39,670,000 in 2006.

The value of individual field crops in South Carolina for 2007 and the percent change from 2006 are shown below:

Corn:	\$138,750,000, up 46 percent
Sorghum:	\$860,000, down 17 percent
Oats:	\$1,589,000, down 16 percent
Winter Wheat:	\$19,042,000, up 2 percent
Soybeans:	\$80,750,000, up 5 percent
Peanuts:	\$38,018,000, up 24 percent
Cotton:	\$40,704,000, down 59 percent
All Hay:	\$70,125,000, up 58 percent
Tobacco:	\$69,188,000, down 4 percent
Sweet Potatoes:	\$1,218,000, down 21 percent

The **UNITED STATES** total value of principal crops grown was \$163 billion in 2007, up 33 percent from 2006. Within that total, Field and Miscellaneous Crops were up 41 percent, Commercial Vegetables were up 4 percent and Fruits and Nuts were up 5 percent.